



KNOP POND
GROTON

AREA= 204 ACRES

NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

KNOPS POND (Groton)

General Information:

This 204-acre impoundment is actually three ponds that were bound into one when water levels were raised by a dam (the long northern basin is still referred to as Lost Lake). The maximum depth is slightly over 30 feet, but average depth is less than 10 feet. The water is clear, and in the huge expanses of shallow water aquatic vegetation is very abundant. The shoreline is about 70 percent developed with year round and seasonal homes. Fishing, boating water skiing and swimming are all popular activities at this lake.

Access is provided by a concrete ramp owned by the Public Access Board and located off Whiley Road / Lost Lake Drive at the northeastern end of the pond (for a detailed map, see "Public Access to the Waters of Massachusetts"). There is adequate parking for ten vehicles and the ramp is suitable for small trailer boats, car top boats and canoes.

Fish Populations:

This pond is stocked with ample numbers of rainbow, brown and/or brook trout every spring, and usually in the fall as well. Surveys indicate that at least nine species of warm water fish are present: largemouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch, bluegill, pumpkinseed, brown bullhead, yellow bullhead, golden shiner and creek chubsucker.

Fishing:

In addition to being an excellent seasonal trout pond, this is a good choice for bass and panfish anglers. Trout are widespread in the early spring, but tend to concentrate in the deeper holes as water temperature increases. Bass can be found hiding in the abundant structure and vegetation, mostly in the upper and central basins, and despite fairly heavy fishing pressure, many nice fish are available. Bass fishermen have the best luck in early and late summer (and early and late in the day) when recreational boat traffic is reduced.

This is also an excellent ice-fishing pond. The yellow perch are abundant and can be easily jigged due to the shallow water. Good bass and pickerel are frequently taken on tip-ups.

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